

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 1-3 as follows and add Claims 4-20:

1. (Currently amended) An ~~eyeglasses~~ eyeglass case comprising:
an upper cover;
a lower cover;
a button which is secured to the upper or lower cover; and
a rotating member which is secured to a contact portion between
the upper cover and the lower cover, wherein, when pushing the button for
release, a spring, rotor or vane in the rotating member moves to slowly open the
upper cover upwardly.
2. (Currently amended) An ~~eyeglasses~~ eyeglass case according to
claim 1, wherein said rotating member comprises a support spindle for
supporting the spring and an outer housing for containing the support spindle,
the support spindle and the outer housing being integrally united, and wherein oil
is sealed in the support spindle.
3. (Currently amended) An ~~eyeglasses~~ eyeglass case according to
claim 1, wherein the rotating member comprises a main body case having holes
for securement, ~~a~~ the rotor or ~~a~~ vane fitted into an inside of the case, oil with
which a clearance inside of the case is filled, and a cover body.
4. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 2, wherein the outer
housing is integrally formed with the upper cover.

5. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 4, wherein the outer housing is constituted by an outer cylindrical frame formed at a lower end portion of the upper cover,

with the support spindle structured and arranged to fit into the frame along an inner circumferential wall thereof.

6. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 5, additionally comprising protrusions extending from a lateral end wall of the outer cylindrical frame and inner lateral surface of the support spindle and serving as stoppers for the spring which is arranged to seat upon and be fixed between the two stoppers.

7. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 6, comprising two said rotating members respectively situated on lateral ends of the eyeglass case.

8. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 1, comprising two said rotating members respectively situated on lateral ends of the eyeglass case.

9. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 1, wherein the button is situated on the upper cover and additionally comprising a button securing portion situated upon the lower cover, the button and securing portion arranged to be engagable with and disengagable from one another.

10. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 1, wherein the button is situated on the lower cover and additionally comprising a button securing portion situated upon the upper cover, the button and securing portion arranged to be engagable with and disengagable from one another.

11. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 1, additionally comprising an upper lock member situated upon the upper cover and a lower lock member situated upon the lower cover,

the upper and lower lock members arranged to be engaged with one another when the case is closed and released from one another when the button is depressed.

12. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 1, wherein upon release of the button, the spring allows rotation of the upper and lower covers with respect to one another in a slow controlled manner, such that the case can be opened with just a single hand by depressing the button.

13. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 2, wherein due to provision of the oil within the spindle, upon release of the button the spring controls rotation between the upper and lower covers in a slow manner, such that the case can be opened with just a single hand by depressing the button.

14. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 2, wherein the button is situated on the upper cover and additionally comprising a button securing portion situated upon the lower cover, the button and securing portion arranged to be engagable with and disengagable from one another.

15. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 2, wherein the button is situated on the lower cover and additionally comprising a button securing portion situated upon the upper cover, the button and securing portion arranged to be engagable with and disengagable from one another.

16. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 2, additionally comprising an upper lock member situated upon the upper cover and a lower lock member situated upon the lower cover,

the upper and lower lock members arranged to be engaged with one another when the case is closed and released from one another when the button is depressed.

17. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 13, wherein the button is situated on the upper cover and additionally comprising a button securing portion situated upon the lower cover, the button and securing portion arranged to be engagable with and disengagable from one another.

18. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 13, wherein the button is situated on the lower cover and additionally comprising a button securing portion situated upon the upper cover, the button and securing portion arranged to be engagable with and disengagable from one another.

19. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 13, additionally comprising an upper lock member situated upon the upper cover and a lower lock member situated upon the lower cover,

the upper and lower lock members arranged to be engaged with one another when the case is closed and released from one another when the button is depressed.

20. (New) An eyeglass case according to claim 13, comprising two said rotating members respectively situated on lateral ends of the eyeglass case.